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FROM MR. GILBERT SIMPSON.

August:ye:20:1774: honoerd Sr This Coms To Let you know that your Mill is Likely To Goo By Christmas provided I Can Get Iron Which I Cannot Tell at This Time how it is Too Bee Got Without you Can Get it Waggoned To Tittles or To The Little Meadows From Thens I Can Get it packt over on horsses: The Mill Work has Been Much Backend By By the War and Will I do Beleive Cost Neare one hundred pounds More Than She Would have doon had it Continued a pees But in all probabilitat it Will Soon Com Back again For Grain Will Likely Bear a high price This seven years To Come For provision is Ris To Great hight Which is To your Cost and My Great Fetuge ¹ For I am Sum Times almost at My Wits End To Tell What To do But Shall allways Endeavour To do For The Best as I Think your Mill Lys at Neare 230 Cost at This Time For Which I have Strant My Credet To a Great hight and I Beleive She Will Cost Neare 700 in The hool ² But it is The Speech of almost all people That Sees The Work and The Convenins of the plase That They Would Bee hard To perswade To Take 3000 For her and 150 aCers of Land Joining her For She is Compleatly doon ³ So Far Sr It Being altogether out of My power To Com down I have Sent My Soon For Money For I Cant doo any longer Without and I hope you Will Send about 250 With him and Should Bee oblige To you To Caussion him To Bee Carefull in Coming out altho I have Given a Great Charge alreydey To him For he Will Goo Well armd and is a Good Guner and I do beleive he Would Not Lack Currage When put To The Shift and I know him To Bee a Steddey Sober Lad and There Will Bee Two or Three hearty

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Stout young Men With him So I beleive That There Will Not Bee The Lest danger of his
Coming Safe your Blankits Weare all prest at Jolifs So I have Been Forst To Make all
Shifts as I Could By Lodging The Work men on My own Beeds and Beed Cloths Which
has Not Been No Small dammage To them Sr as To any Thing Concerning The War and
other affairs My Soon Can Give you an account of Them and God Willing I intend down
This Fall provided There is a pees Which at This Time Looks Likely So Sr No Mor But I
hope These Lines Will Find your honour and all yours in perfect Good helth as I and My
Famyly is at This Time Thanks To almighty God For The Same and I Remain yours To
Command

GILBT. SIMPSON YOUGHAGAHLEY FOORT TRIALL N:B: Your Mill has Twenty Eight
Feet Fall

1 Fatigue?

2 whole.

3 The mill here, which Crawford saw "go for the first time of its running" in the spring of 1776, was thoroughly repaired in the summer of 1859 by George Anderson. The tradition that Washington superintended in person the laying of the stone of its cellar is, of course, without foundation in fact.—BUTTERFIELD.